

# The Messenger

**March 2013**

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 2**

### **COMMUNION**

We will celebrate Holy Communion during our worship service on March 3. After worship, come on back to the Fellowship Hall for some delicious desserts and a cup of hot java or cool tea. It's always great to share our goodies and see everyone's friendly faces. So, plan to hang out for a while.

### **MARDI GRAS BRUNCH**

Get out your beads – it's Mardi Gras time!!! The Youth Group will serve a Mardi Gras brunch after worship on February 19. Come on out, ya'll, for some delicious fixings. Sign-up sheets are on the tables in the narthex and next to the Fellowship Hall doorway.

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5**

### **ASH WEDNESDAY SUPPER AND SERVICE**

Our Wednesday Evening Lenten Services will begin on March 5 with our Ash Wednesday Service. We will enjoy a light supper at 6 pm and then gather in the church for service at 7 pm. If you cannot meet for supper, please still come for this very special service beginning this season of reflection and anticipation.

## **MARCH 9**

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS**



It's time to turn those clocks ahead so that you're sure not to miss one minute of Pastor Penny's message on Sunday morning, March 10. (I heard that if people don't show up on time, she'll just keep talking until everyone gets to church.)

## **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12**

### **TWILIGHTERS**

The Twilighters will meet on March 12 at 12:00 pm for their monthly meeting. "Admission" is one pot-luck dish to share. We welcome you to come and join us for lunch.

## **SUNDAY, MARCH 30**

### **OGHS SPECIAL MISSION OFFERING**

We will gather our offering for One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, March 10. Envelopes will be in the pews for you to contribute to this UCC sponsored offering.

## **WEDNESDAYS IN LENT**

### **SUPPER AND SERVICE**

Our Lenten Suppers are at 6 pm and service at 7 pm. If you would like to prepare a light supper, please choose a date on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



### **OPERATION SNOWFLAKE**

If our Worship Services need to be cancelled due to bad weather, please tune in to radio stations WARM, Magic 93, 97BHT, 97.9X, or JR93.7.

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## From the Pastor

Today I sit here in my new office at this little tiny desk waiting to get my big grown-up desk. The next time you come by the offices you will see a big difference. I have moved into Denise's office, Denise has moved out into the front room, and my old office is now a much needed storage space. Once we get settled I know that we will wonder why this hadn't been done sooner. Jim and Lynne Stewart have been moving and arranging furniture and will be painting my office very soon. Give us a little more time before you come by to see what we are doing – please.

While in the planning stages of their summer mission trip, the youth are excited about the Mardi Gras brunch that they have held for the last three years to make a little money to cover some of the expenses. We pray that all of you will be able to attend and make a donation to the cause. We will be decorating on Saturday morning which is a good time for fun and fellowship as well as the actual event. COME & ENJOY ON SUNDAY!!!

After Mardi Gras, on Wednesday we enter the season of Lent on Ash Wednesday. We are once again planning to have a small meal on Wednesday evenings at 6pm before our services begin at 7pm. If you would like to be responsible for fixing a small meal please sign up on paper in the Narthex – just a light meal. On Ash Wednesday communion will be served at the service as well on Maundy Thursday. The community Good Friday service will be at Mountain Top Presbyterian Church at noon. These services will be a wonderful way to prepare your mind and hearts as you look forward to the lows and highs of Holy Week and Easter.

I have some Lenten Devotional Booklets available for our church families or you may take one to a friend. Some are geared toward younger families and some for adult study. I would encourage each family to take one and set apart a time each day for reading and prayer even if it's only a few minutes. This will be very beneficial especially if you can take a little time in the morning to get your day off to a good start. And maybe that will get some into the habit of having a devotional time every day of the year – not just during this season of Lent. I know some of you already take this time and I commend you for your faithfulness.

God's blessings to you all!

*Pastor Penny*

### *Our Condolences*

We offer our sincere sympathy to Doris Stec and her family at the passing of her mother, Arline Rinehimer, on January 22. Arline was a lifelong member of Emmanuel and had been on our homebound list for several years. May our thoughts and prayers give you comfort and support in your time of grief.

Our support and compassion is given to Diana Decker and Morgan Hodel and their family as Diana's husband and Morgan's grandfather, David, entered eternal rest on February 23. May God's peace sustain you.

### *Thank You*

Doris Stec gratefully thanks everyone for their cards, prayers and calls on the passing of her mother, Arline. Your concern is comforting.

Lex Koons would like to thank everyone for their expressions of concern over his recent heart problems. He is doing well and appreciates the many well wishes, cards and prayers.

We received thank you letters for some recent benevolence donations. On the bulletin board in the bell tower are letters from:

Paul and Patricia Cybulski who recently lost their home to a fire.

Alzheimer's Associate for our donation of \$100 to the 2013 Walk to End Alzheimer's Event.

Lancaster Theological Seminary thanked us for our 2013 annual benevolence offering of \$1,000. This offering is included in their Annual Fund which supports the ministry of theological education to prepare students to become leaders for congregations, other settings of ministry and for society.

## TWILIGHTERS

The Twilighters will meet on Wednesday, February 12, for a pot-luck lunch at 12:00 pm. Bring a dish and enjoy a good meal and great company. Call Lois Eigenbrod or Mary Eroh for more information.

## 2013 GIVING SUMMARY

This is a list compiled by our Financial Secretary, Connie Davis, showing a breakdown of our member's offerings by how much they gave for the year. I hope that you will think about where you want your heart to be and the importance of your church in your life as you review this list. Thank you for believing in Emmanuel and our mission as a community of Christ's followers. Recording Secretary, Denise Dean

Amount Given Last Year	Number of Members Who Gave That Amount
0	25
1.00 to 49.00	31
50.00 to 100.00	12
101.00 to 200.00	10
201.00 to 300.00	10
301.00 to 400.00	4
401.00 to 500.00	2
501.00 to 600.00	8
601.00 to 700.00	3
701.00 to 800.00	3
801.00 to 900.00	3
901.00 to 1,000.00	5
1,001.00 to 1,200.00	6
1,201.00 to 1,500.00	3
1,501.00 to 2,000.00	3
2,001.00 to 2,500.00	3
2,501.00 to 3,000.00	2
3,001.00 to 3,500.00	4
4,000.00 to 4,500.00	2
6,000.00 to 6,200.00	1

## AUTOMATIC CONTRIBUTIONS

We have had several inquiries about receiving automatic contributions for offerings. Some of our members have decided to use this method to schedule their weekly, semi-weekly, monthly, etc., offerings. One member is using automatic withdrawal so that she isn't bothered writing a check every week. Another couple uses this method when they are out of the area. They realize the importance of regular giving. If you overlook making out your check or if you're not here, the bills still come and those businesses expect, and rightly so, to be paid on time. Your offering

ensures that funds are available when needed. It is processed the same way as any other automatic withdrawal from your account, such as car payments, insurance premiums, or mortgage payments. You set up with your bank when and how much is forwarded to the church. A check arrives in our mail and is counted with the offering on Sunday mornings. It's that simple.

## YOUTH GROUP

This is what we're up to now:

1. **Mardi Gras** – On March 2, we'll celebrate Mardi Gras with a brunch and fun time. Diners are asked to make a donation that will be used for our Mission Trip.
2. **This Summer's Mission Trip – Hurricane Sandy Part 2** – We're going back to the Jersey shore to continue the cleanup there. It's just mind-blowing that one storm can cause so much damage.

Keep on believing

Marc, Lisa and Caroline



**Remember to get your  
Weis and Carone's cards!**

This is a great way to support the Youth Group without spending anything extra. You're just going to spend that money at the grocery store anyway so why not give the Youth Group some help with their finances? For every \$1,000 worth of cards they sell, they make \$50. Please see Marc on Sunday mornings or you can call Denise at the church office (868-5675) during the week.

## HURRICANE SANDY MISSION TRIP

Once more, we are going to serve others "right in our own backyard". Our mission trip will again take us to Lakewood Township where cleanup efforts are still woefully inadequate. Sandy had a terrible impact on that area and we want to do something about it. The only thing is that it costs money to help others. Just like last year, each youth needs \$289 just to get to Lakewood. That doesn't include any spending money – just the mission trip cost. So please help us pay for our trip by supporting our fundraisers. We really appreciate all our church family does for us. We realize we wouldn't be able to make such a difference if it wasn't for you. Thanks.

(Your) Emmanuel Youth Group

## YOUTH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Crestwood Middle School:

Principal's Honors: Michelle Bernetski, Kimmy Bernetksi

High Honors: Kristen Kania, Aaron Kleger, Hunter Rinehimer

Honors: Morgan Rinehimer, Autumn Atkinson, Glynis Dean

**Misericordia University Dean's List:** Rachelle Heller

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE MARCH 2014

### Mar. 2

Greeters: Judy Cybulski and Barb DeLuca

Liturgist: Wayne Mast

### Mar. 9

Greeters: Gene and Janice Broyan

Liturgist: Sandy Kleger

### Mar. 16

Greeters: Connie Davis and Donnie Myers

Liturgist: Sharon Moyer

### Mar. 24

Greeters: Camille Daniels and Diana Decker

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### Mar. 30

Greeters: Carol Duffy and Connie Myers

Liturgist: Brooke Rinehimer

### OUR CLEANING VOLUNTEERS

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## CONSISTORY MEETING

The next Consistory meeting will be on Thursday, April 17, at 6:30 pm.

## UPCOMING DATES

April 13 Palm Sunday

April 17 Maundy Thursday Service at Emmanuel

April 18 Good Friday Service 12 pm at Mountaintop Presbyterian Church

April 20 Easter

**May 17 Turkey Supper** (moved from April because that week is Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter)

## PICTURE PERFECT

Check the front entrance bulletin board for the following pictures:

**Nate Kamowski** participated in the annual Rice Elementary Spelling Bee as one of the 6<sup>th</sup> grade entrants. He is pictured with all the participants from grades 3 through 6. Each grade holds a competition for the overall winner and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade overall winners compete against each other.

**Morgan Rinehimer** is pictured twice as a member of the Tall in the Saddle 4-H Horse and Pony Club. She was elected Vice President for 2014 and she also was awarded the 2013 Community Service Award and the 2013 Outstanding Member Award. Ride on and ride hard, girl!!

**Aaron Kleger** was one of the Scouts from Troop 434 who completed CPR training. This training was part of earning his First Aide Course and Merit Badge Class. The training was held on December 29 at the Dorrance Fire Hall.

Scouts from Boy Troop 434 and Cub Scout Pack 433 are pictured with Pastor Penny for their participation in our service on January 26. **Aaron Kleger and Hunter Rinehimer** were among the Scouts who lead our worship service. Also pictured is Ron Rinehimer who is Assistant Scoutmaster and Charter Rep.

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

2	Jane Rinehimer	14	Devin Stein	27	Grayson Bunnell
3	Carey Hoffman	16	David DeLuca	28	Brian Heller
4	Mikayla Walck	16	Sarah Robinholt	28	Samantha Kotarsky
7	Cindy Heller	18	Chelsea Lenahan	29	Amanda Bickham
7	Dorothy Hoyt	21	Lisa Caffrey	29	Joe Huntzinger
9	Gloria Schreyer	22	Garrett Chalker	29	Lois Huntzinger
12	Deb Kishel	24	Deven Kamat	31	Michael Supkowski
		27	Connie Miller		

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

March 20, 1982.....Bob and Helen Heller

March 31, 1996.....Sandy and Brent Kleger

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